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To: All Washington Office and Field Officials

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

Subject: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Science Strategy Implementation

By way of Information Bulletin No. 2001-030, Acting Director Nina Hatfield transmitted BLM's new Science Strategy to all Washington Office and Field Officials. The Science Strategy, approved by the BLM Executive Leadership Team (ELT) in September 2000, describes the role of science in land management, establishes a process for identifying priority science needs, and suggests ways to communicate needs to science providers.

Members of the BLM ELT committed to the Science Strategy with an expectation for follow-up action. An initial step in meeting that expectation is the need to develop Regional Science Catalogues this fiscal year. The catalogues, organized along biographic regions and generally following the boundaries of Cooperative Ecosystem Study Units (CESUs), are expected to serve as a tool to communicate BLM science needs.

Members of the BLM Science Coordination Committee (SCC) discussed catalogue development at its March 6-7, 2001, meeting in Tucson. Draft outline and catalog content materials were discussed and distributed. SCC members are expected to lead the development of catalogues for their regions. SCC member coaches (Dr. Phil Dittberner, Dr. Bill Wagner, Lee Barkow, Bob Alverts, and Brian St. George) are available to assist offices with catalogue development as needed.

While first-generation catalogues are an important tool for BLM to use in communicating science needs, we recognize that details may not be available for a number of identified science needs. As time and new information are available, we expect catalogue content to include new details.

I am excited and optimistic about the opportunity to better identify and advance BLM's science needs as we implement the new Science Strategy. I am also confident we can do a credible job and look forward to seeing your first-generation science catalogues later this fiscal year.

Should you have any questions or need to discuss catalogue development or Science Strategy implementation in more detail, please call me at 303-236-6454 or contact your science coordinator or the coaches in your region.

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1 Attachment

1 - List of Leads and Coaches (1 p)

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